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Two Western American collections bought

Two private collections of Western Americana have been bought recently by the Library. These two collections, the Robert Woods Collection and the Alfred Powers Collection, number about 20,000 volumes and place the University Library first in Canada as a centre for research and study of the history and development of the Western United States.

Some of the rarest books in the field of Western Americana are included in the Woods Collection which was bought at auction in Los Angeles for \$151,000. The 7,000-volume collection covers every aspect of Western Americana from rare atlases to the best of the Pacific coast voyages and from the cattle trade to detailed histories of California and Los Angeles.

The Woods Collection includes limited editions, private press books, fine bindings, and fine illustrated books. Private press books include a nearly complete collection of the Grabhorn Press publications, some of which were issued in editions of only 15 to 20 copies.

The Powers Collection is over 13,000 volumes pertaining to the West. There are 1,150 volumes on Alaska alone. Among the books are writings on geology, botany, forestry, logging, agriculture, the Columbia River, wild life, churches, discovery and exploration—170 in the latter category. There are books on Indians, elementary

SENATE TO OPEN MEETINGS TO PUBLIC

The University of Alberta Senate will open its future meetings to the public.

The meetings, held three times a year in November, February, and May, have previously been closed. Visitors will be admitted to the limit of accommodation, about 44 seats, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The 54-member Senate will make a recommendation to the Alberta Legislature that more student representation be allowed. To increase the student representation, the Legislature will have to change the Universities Act. The recommendation is that the number of student representatives be changed from two to seven.

schoolbooks used in the American West before 1900, and 90 books by or about Bret Harte. The collection includes one of the three copies in existence of *The Sazerac Lying Club* (1878). All the Hudson's Bay Record Society publications are present.

Dean Powers, a former professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, was dean of the Portland Extension Division before his retirement. He is the author of a number of books relating to the West.

The collections are being processed, but they will not be generally available to users for some time.

GONSETT COLLECTION DISPLAYED

The University of Alberta has transferred to the Provincial Museum and Archives the R. R. Gonsett collection. The Museum has set up a permanent display of Mr. Gonsett's collection, comprising patent models, archival material, and working models.

In the display are items such as a 1912 telephone answering machine, electric scissors invented in 1929, a 1933 shaving soap dispenser, an aircraft computer for measuring the weight and balance of an aircraft in flight, several waterproof switches, and numerous other electronic devices.

During his lifetime, Mr. Gonsett secured registrations for nearly 100 patents in his own name. The culmination of his life work was the establishment of an electronics firm, the Gonsett Company, well known in the field of electronics and mobile radio equipment.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE SCHEDULED

A New Year's Eve dance for all University of Alberta staff and guests will be held in Lister Hall from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress is optional. There will be a buffet supper, and tickets are \$5 per person. Tickets may be obtained from the Housing and Food Services offices, SUB Cafeteria, other Food Services areas on campus, and from the area representatives of Branch 22 of the Civil Service Association.

This is the first time such a party, open to academic and non-academic staff, has been planned. It is hoped that the New Year's dance will become an annual event.

McLEAN SPEAKS ON HEAVENLY TALK

The Rev. MURDITH MC LEAN, Anglican Chaplain at the University, spoke November 21 to a joint meeting of the Philosophical Society and Humanities Association. His topic was "Is Heavenly Talk Any Earthly Good?"

The Philosophical Society is probably the oldest association on campus. It was founded in 1912 four years after the University was established. Since its beginning, the Society has interpreted its function of stimulating interest in philosophical problems in a wide sense. Topics range from philosophy, drama, biology, through theology.

Speakers for the remainder of this year's program are E. S. KEEPING, Department of Mathematics, "Why the New Math?," December 12; RICHARD WEAVER, Department of English, "The Esalen Institute and the Human Potential Movement," January 16; DOROTHY LIVESAY and others, Readings in New Canadian Poetry, February 20; and GEORGE MC CLELLAN, Ombudsman, Province of Alberta, "On Being an Ombudsman," March 20.

Single admissions are 50 cents each. Meetings are held in Room LB-2 of the Henry Marshall Tory Building.

GREGORY VISITS CAMPUS

Negro comedian and civil rights leader DICK GREGORY spoke on the University campus November 18. He drew a more than capacity crowd of 2,000.

He is described by *Student* magazine as giving "a series of funny, wild, and scary talks, none of his words completely in jest. He is a man to hear." He lived up to this description, and made some frightening predictions about the future of the United States and some hopeful ones about the future of Canada. Centering his arguments around the theme of racial discrimination, Gregory said that Canada still had a chance to avoid the problems of the United States, if it ended discrimination against its Indians.

Mr. Gregory's appearance was one of a series of talks on campuses in North America.

PEOPLE

R. S. PATTERSON, Associate Professor of Educational Foundations, is serving as editor of the Newsletter of the History of Educational Society for the United States and Canada.

CHARLES DAVIS, Professor of Religious Studies, gave a lecture entitled "The Social Reality of Religion" at the Vancouver Institute Saturday Evening Lectures on November 9.

KAROL J. KROTKI, Professor of Sociology, attended the Symposium on Land Registration and Data Banks sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Surveying and the National Advisory Committee on Control Surveys and Mapping at the University of New Brunswick, November 13-15. Dr. Krotki delivered an invited paper on "Existing and Suggested Data Banks: Population Statistics." Proceedings of the Symposium will be published.

W. E. RAZZELL, Professor and Head of Microbiology, was co-author with H. G. KHORANA of the first report, published in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, of the work that led to a Nobel Prize in Medicine for Dr. Khorana and two fellow scientists. Dr. Razzell participated in many of the first ten of the more than 50 scientific papers published by Dr. Khorana and his associates.

The Rev. MICHAEL FALLONA, Lecturer in Theology at St. Joseph's College, has recently been appointed University Chaplain of the Newman Centre.

ALLEN BERGER, Associate Professor of Elementary Education, co-authored an article, "Within-Groups Changes in Reading Performance, A Further Analysis," appearing in the October issue of *Perceptual and Motor Skills*. Dr. Berger will present a paper

entitled "Adaptation and Evaluation of an Informal Reading Inventory for the Blind" at the annual meeting of the National Reading Conference scheduled for December 5-7 in Los Angeles.

AWARDS

Because of the limited time generally available to reply to the notices published here, and the nuisance involved in writing for additional details, FOLIO will attempt to publish in full the more important notices received. The original announcements may be examined at the Publications Office, 11224 87 Avenue.

FRENCH BURSARIES

A number of bursaries are offered to Canadian students wishing to study or travel in France. The bursaries apply to all university disciplines, and are available to undergraduates, artists, engineers, technicians, researchers, and doctors.

Three kinds of bursaries are being offered: study bursaries of 500 francs per month, with travel and lodging allowances, return passage, and student rates at university restaurants, residences, and cultural and social activities; bursaries for advanced study, 750 francs per month; and bursaries for a course or term of study, 750 francs per month.

Persons interested in the bursaries should apply in writing, including personal information and qualifications, to one of the following addresses:

The Cultural Service of the French Embassy, 42 Sussex Promenade, Ottawa; The French Consulate, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver; The French Consulate, 10038 - 110 Street, Edmonton; The French Consulate, 40 Westgate, Winnipeg; or the French Consulate, 185 Bay Street, Toronto.

PERSONAL NOTICES

Staff members may forward notices to reach the Editor the Friday prior to publication at 9 a.m. They must be typed, and not exceed 35 words including heading. Advertisements received will be published at the Editor's discretion.

WANTED—Furnished apartment for young woman who will be teaching in the School of Library Science, January 11 to April 25, 1969. Sarah R. Reed, local 4578.

NOTICES

GENERAL SERVICES CAFETERIA

The General Services Building cafeteria is now open. It is located in GS-702 and is open between 9:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for tea, coffee, sandwiches, etc. Hot soup is available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

IBM 1500 SYSTEM DEMONSTRATIONS

The IBM 1500 System is available for demonstration purposes. Persons interested in having the System demonstrated should call MRS. L. CROSSLEY, local 4364, to make necessary arrangements. Demonstrations must be scheduled one week in advance.

JOB CONTROL LANGUAGE COURSE

A non-credit course in the Job Control Language, a high level language which allows a computer programmer access to both the hardware and software resources of Operating System /360, began November 19. The course, which is open to staff and students, is held in GS-327 from 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday for approximately four weeks. For further information call local 4767.

BLOOD DRIVE

Staff members, students, and University personnel over 18 are being asked to donate blood during the annual Canadian Red Cross Blood Drive November 25 to 29 and December 2 to 6. This year's objective is 3,000 pints. Last year over 2,700 pints of blood were donated. Donors are to report to Room 142 in the Students' Union from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

RESEARCH AID APPLICATIONS

January 1 is deadline for submitting applications for grant-in-aid of research from the University Research Committee. Applications should be sent to C. R. STELCK, Chairman, University Research Committee.

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